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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 1 February 1954

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White, Messrs.
Kirkpatrick, [] Sheldon, []

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Asked DD/I, in coordination with DD/P, to draft a paper on the over-all political situation in Indochina, for his possible use at the next NSC Meeting.

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d. Referred to the Randall Report and stated he believed CIA should produce a study on the pattern of Soviet commercial trade negotiations. Mr. Amory noted that ORR had already produced studies on this subject and undertook to have a brief summary prepared for the Director.

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Referred to a cable from [] appointing [] as the CIA Representative [] to replace [] and noted that [] had been in training for some time to perform this duty. After some discussion, wherein it was agreed that General [] had too many other tasks to perform, [] undertook to draft a reply to the above-mentioned message for DCI approval.

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Mr. Amory:

Stated DD/P had requested that portions of the NID's be made available to selected CIA Senior Representatives, with the view to furnishing these Digests to the Chief of the State Department Mission and Military Commanders in their areas. Mr. Amory said he had talked with Fisher Howe about this, and he had agreed there would be no objection to such action in the larger State Missions, [] General Cabell said that if our representatives did receive these documents and were instructed to brief the Chief of the State Mission

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Mr. Amory (Continued):

and the Army Commanders, then in his opinion our man would, in fact, be acting as a political advisor -- which was not in CIA's charter. However, he could see no objection to Senior Representatives receiving this material, provided it was made available to State and Defense in Washington and these Departments advised that the information in question was being sent direct to selected CIA Stations. After some further discussion, the Director asked General Cabell and [] to further consider this matter in coordination with Messrs. Armstrong and Berry, noting that he believed our best purposes could be served by: (1) sending these Digests to our representatives on an Eyes Only basis; (2) advising the Departments of State and Defense of this action and making available to these Departments additional copies of the NID's in order that they might disseminate them as they see fit.

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Briefly reported on a recent conversation he had with Admiral Radford and noted that he (Radford) apparently had the idea that CIA wished to send [] ahead of []

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Both the Director and DDCI stated such was not the case; to their knowledge this had never been mentioned to Radford and they did not understand where he got the idea. Mr. Dulles said that the decision as to whether [] should accompany [] was his []

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alone and asked [] to call Admiral Radford and so advise him. [] also noted Admiral Radford had raised the question of the status of [] General Cabell noted he was following up on this and a decision would be reached on this matter prior to []

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